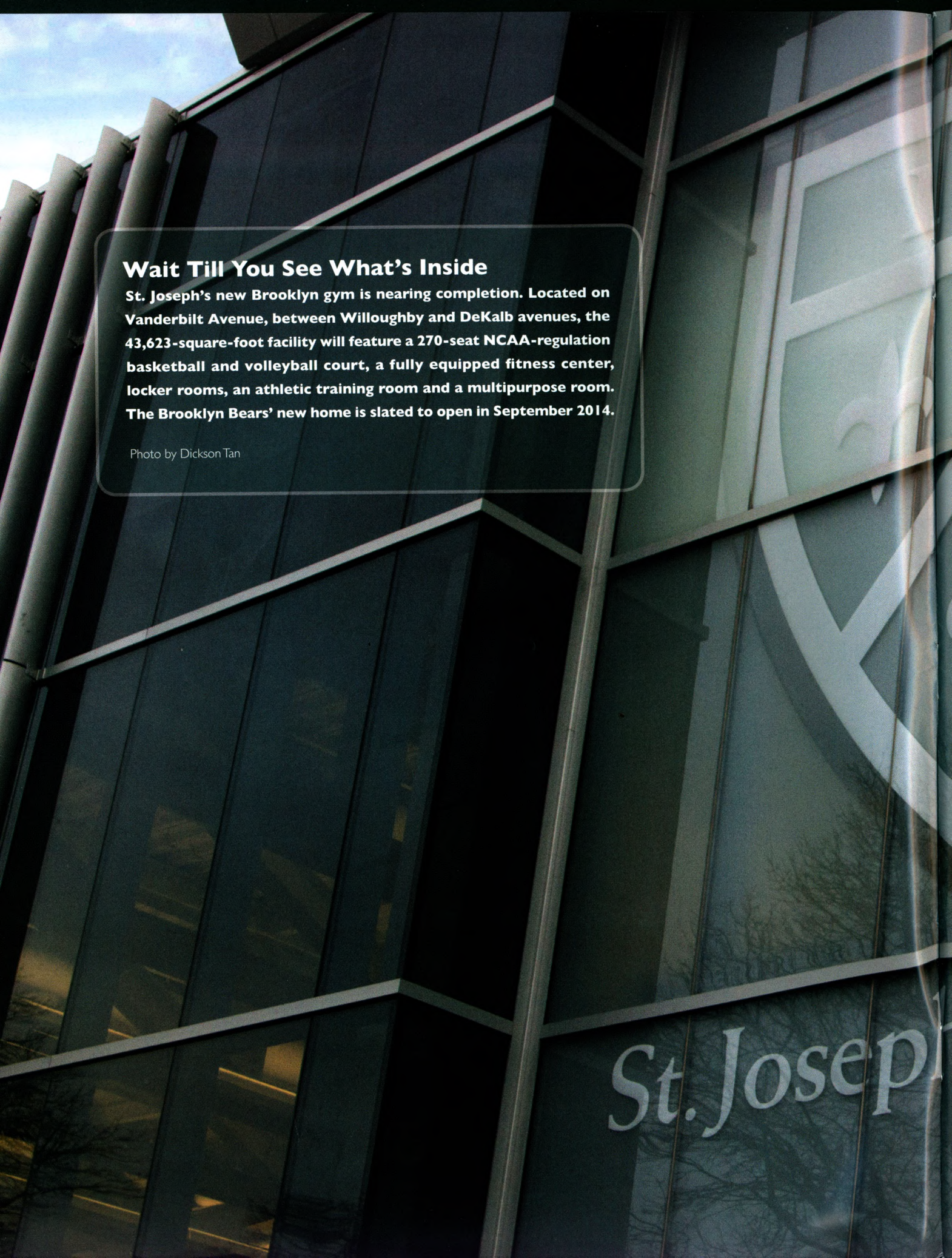


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A PORTRAIT IN LEADERSHIP



Wait Till You See What's Inside

St. Joseph's new Brooklyn gym is nearing completion. Located on Vanderbilt Avenue, between Willoughby and DeKalb avenues, the 43,623-square-foot facility will feature a 270-seat NCAA-regulation basketball and volleyball court, a fully equipped fitness center, locker rooms, an athletic training room and a multipurpose room. The Brooklyn Bears' new home is slated to open in September 2014.

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“I am deeply indebted to S. Elizabeth’s vision and leadership. Since 2000, when I became director of alumni relations, she has consistently supported the expansion of programs, services and benefits for St. Joseph’s alumni.”

As a proud graduate of St. Joseph’s College, representing more than 32,000 alumni, it is my pleasure to introduce this issue of *SJCNY: St. Joseph’s College Magazine*. S. Elizabeth A. Hill ’64, C.S.J., president of St. Joseph’s for the past 17 years, will be retiring this coming June. Her legacy — a presidency that has straddled two centuries — will be examined in detail in this issue. During this period, St. Joseph’s has transformed from a traditional 20th-century institution into a 21st-century progressive learning community.

New programs and majors in criminal justice, and hospitality and tourism management, plus numerous postgraduate programs in special education, nursing, business and health care, have been instituted under her leadership. One of our newest endeavors, the B.A. in Journalism and New Media Studies, is highlighted on Page 18. A series of presidential lectures, the Khatib chair in comparative religions, and the formation of the Council for the Arts on both campuses have all been created under Sister’s guidance (Please be sure to read the article on this year’s Khatib scholar, Mehdi Aminrazavi, Ph.D., featured on Page 5). The Business Technology Center and new athletic complex in Patchogue, and the acquisition of St. Angela Hall and the new gym in Brooklyn are a few of the capital projects initiated by S. Elizabeth.

An extraordinary woman, S. Elizabeth has embraced changing academic expectations while maintaining the College’s traditional values. From her inauguration in 1997 up to the present day, S. Elizabeth has remained true to the College’s mission, preparing students for a life characterized by integrity, intellectual and spiritual values, social responsibility and service. In her inaugural address in 1997, S. Elizabeth remarked, “As a College, our work is to teach ... to transform our students, to fire their imagination and energies, to inspire

them to change.” S. Elizabeth Hill has remained true to her words. Over the past 17 years, she has inspired the imagination and energy of countless numbers of St. Joseph’s College students.

On a personal level, I am deeply indebted to S. Elizabeth’s vision and leadership. Since 2000, when I became director of alumni relations, she has consistently supported the expansion of programs, services and benefits for St. Joseph’s alumni. Sister has also encouraged alumni to take leadership positions at the College on the board of trustees.

As a loyal alumna, S. Elizabeth retains close connections with alumni on both campuses. Alumni can depend on Sister’s support at meetings, receptions and special events. S. Elizabeth is always present and ready to participate, listen, encourage and offer advice.

2014 will be a memorable year for S. Elizabeth Hill. Not only will she be retiring in June, but she will also be celebrating the 50th anniversary of her graduation from St. Joseph’s with her classmates at the Alumni Reunion Weekend in May. All alumni are invited to come and celebrate.

Another way to honor S. Elizabeth’s service to the College is to contribute to the S. Elizabeth Hill Scholarship Fund, which was instituted to honor her legacy. The cornerstone of her presidency has been to provide an excellent education to all students, regardless of their ability to pay tuition. The scholarship will support students on either campus who express financial need.

S. Elizabeth’s shoes will be hard to fill. As the fifth president of St. Joseph’s College nears her retirement in June, alumni of St. Joseph’s wish her all the best as she enters the next phase of her life. We are eternally grateful for her dedication and service to the College and its graduates. ■

Board of Trustees Announces New President

Jack P. Calareso, Ph.D., to succeed S. Elizabeth Hill on July 1



After a nationwide search process, the St. Joseph's College Board of Trustees announced on March 24 that Jack P. Calareso, Ph.D., will become the next president of the College, effective July 1, 2014. He will be the first nonreligious leader of the College since its founding in 1916.

"Dr. Calareso comes to St. Joseph's College highly recommended by many of his colleagues across the country," said Chris Drewes, chair of the board of trustees. "He is a strong leader with a stellar academic background, and is well positioned to lead the College into the future from a position of strength."

Calareso brings a wealth of successful experience in higher education to this role. Currently, he is the president of Anna Maria College in Paxton, Mass., a position he has held since 2007. He previously served as president of Ohio Dominican University in Columbus, Ohio, and Briar Cliff University in Sioux City, Iowa. Calareso has earned a national reputation for his knowledge in liberal arts education, teaching and

administration. He is also a renowned speaker at international, national, regional and local conferences and workshops, as well as the author of numerous books and articles.

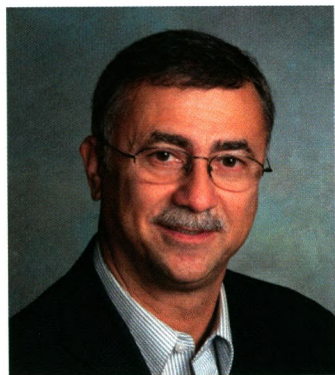
A strong fundraiser, Calareso has successfully planned and led a number of major fundraising campaigns resulting in significant capital improvements, growth of endowments, scholarship programs, endowed chairs and special projects.

"I have a strong belief in and commitment to quality higher education in the tradition of private, independent colleges," Calareso said. "It is clear that St. Joseph's values and promotes academic excellence, intellectual inquiry, a respect for all people, the search for truth and a commitment to an educational experience that balances liberal education and career preparation."

Calareso holds a doctoral degree in educational leadership and administration from Marquette University in Milwaukee, a master's degree in theology and scripture from St. Bernard's School of Theology in Rochester, N.Y., and bachelor's degree in English and theology from Boston College. He and his wife, Rose, have three grown children and four grandchildren.

"We wish to thank S. Elizabeth Hill for her dedication, her vision and her many significant accomplishments during her years at the helm," Drewes said, speaking on behalf of the board. Her presidency will have a lasting impact on St. Joseph's College, and we are excited by the prospect of working with Dr. Calareso to build on that success." ■

Mehdi Aminrazavi Delivers Sixth Annual Khatib Lecture



The sixth annual Dr. Reza and Georgianna Clifford Khatib Chair in Comparative Religion spring lectures were held on April 3 on the Brooklyn Campus and April 10 on the Long Island Campus.

This year's presentation, "Shi'ism and the Politics of the Hidden Imam" was delivered by 2014 Khatib

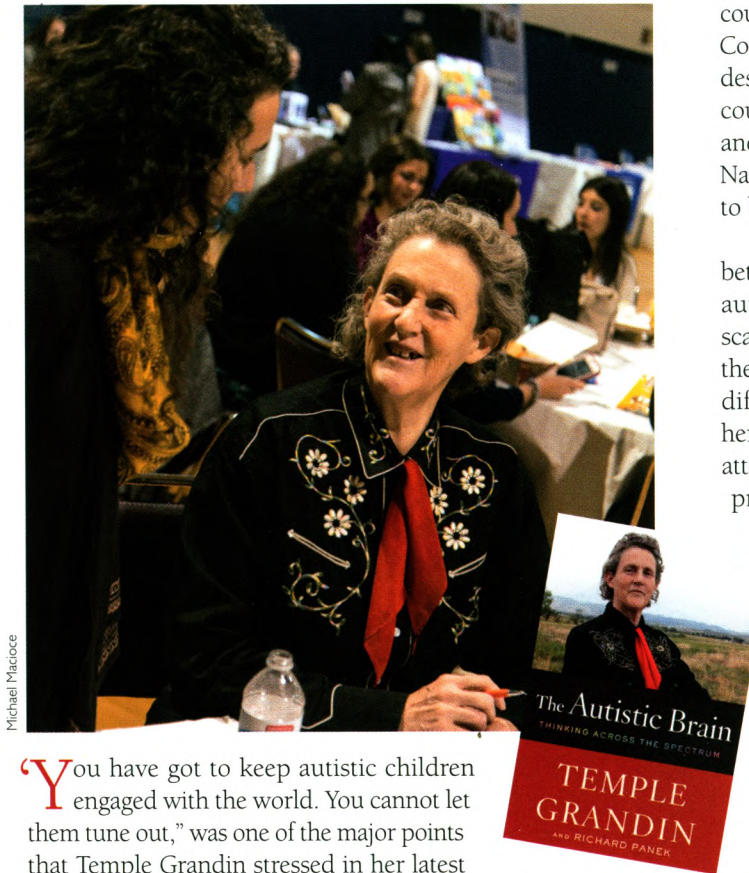
Chair Mehdi Aminrazavi, Ph.D., a professor of philosophy and religion and co-director of the Center for Asian and Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Mary Washington

in Fredricksburg, Va. Aminrazavi is currently teaching a religious studies course — RS 221 Saints, Sufis and Warriors of God: Shi'ism and Persian Culture — on both campuses for the spring 2014 semester. He specializes in the fields of Islamic studies, Islamic philosophy, theology and mysticism, philosophy of religion and medieval philosophy.

The first-ever endowed chair at St. Joseph's College, the Khatib Chair in Comparative Religion was created in 2009 by Class of 1952 graduate Georgianna Clifford Khatib and her husband, Dr. Reza Khatib, to promote interfaith dialogue, with the study of Islam being an integral part of the initiative. Each spring, the chair hosts a noted scholar who will lecture, lead faculty discussions and teach a course at both the Brooklyn and Long Island campuses via video conference. For the full recap of this year's lectures, visit magazine.sjcny.edu. ■

The Autistic Brain, According to Temple Grandin

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You have got to keep autistic children engaged with the world. You cannot let them tune out,” was one of the major points that Temple Grandin stressed in her latest book, *The Autistic Brain: Thinking Across the Spectrum* (co-authored with Richard Panek) and her November 1 presentation at St. Joseph’s Long Island Campus. Grandin was the keynote speaker for the conference, “Educating All: Resources and Best Practices for Diverse Learners,” hosted by the Department of Child Study, in conjunction with the Family Residences and Essential Enterprises Inc. (FREE).

Author of the *New York Times* best-seller *Animals in Translation*, Grandin was born in Boston in 1947 and diagnosed with autism at the age of 2. At this time, autism was considered to be a neuropsychological condition that was classified as a subcategory of schizophrenia, and doctors recommended that she be institutionalized. However, through early intervention programs, speech therapy and accepting parents, Grandin grew up to be an incredibly successful adult; she holds a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Franklin Pierce College, a master’s degree in animal science from Arizona State University, and a doctoral degree in animal science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Since the 1970s, Grandin has designed and implemented humane animal-handling systems that are used across the United States, Canada and Mexico; and consulted with and improved slaughter plants and livestock farms all across the

country. Grandin is currently a professor at the University of Colorado, where she teaches livestock behavior and facility design. She has also written 10 books, traveled across the country lecturing and advocating for children with autism, and has been featured in nearly every major publication. Naturally, she has come a long way from a recommendation to be institutionalized.

In *The Autistic Brain*, Grandin explored the difference between the average brain and the brain of someone with autism — specifically, hers. She showed through MRI scans how sections of her brain are larger or smaller than the average brain, thus explaining why she sees the world differently than other people. She has often described her thought process as “thinking in pictures,” which she attributes to the fact that the visual learning center in her prefrontal cortex is much larger than average. Grandin

also said it took her nearly half her life to realize that not everyone thinks the same way as she does, but rather that everyone learns and sees the world differently. It was this realization that pushed her to begin researching the autistic brain, eventually inspiring her book.

In addition to talking about the autistic brain, Grandin spent a great deal of time talking about and advocating for people with autism. She dislikes how “talented, quirky kids are going nowhere” because they let their autism define them. Grandin also spoke about her belief that it’s the job of parents and teachers to cultivate the strengths and interests of these children; these interests must be broadened and then turned into something society needs. She told the story of a little boy she met years ago who loved ripping paper. Instead of trying to suppress this interest, his mother taught him to take the ripped pieces of paper and create images with them, and he is now selling his artwork professionally.

Not only does she feel it’s important to focus on the strengths of people with an autism spectrum disorder, but also to teach them a strong work ethic at a young age. This would allow those people to take those strengths and turn them into a steady job. She is a huge supporter of incorporating people with autism spectrum disorders into society, effectively pushing both society and people with autism outside of their comfort zones.

Hosted by St. Joseph’s College for the last two years, the third annual Educating All conference included workshops on timely teaching topics, such as autism spectrum disorder, inclusion classrooms, differential education practices and dynamic learning methods. Attendees visited the Apps Café to download the latest educational software, viewed an art exhibition and enjoyed musical entertainment. ■

St. Joseph's Students Get Their Money's Worth

Three national publications rank SJC among the top colleges in the country

Two prestigious publications have once again recognized St. Joseph's College as one of America's best colleges, while a third has named the College one of the best buys in the nation.

SJC is featured in *U.S. News & World Report's* annual Best Colleges rankings for the 13th straight year, and is currently listed in the top third of regional universities in the North (No. 48 of 193 colleges in the region) for 2014; and *Forbes* magazine has ranked the College in the top half of institutions nationwide in its online issue of *America's Top Colleges* for the seventh consecutive year.

"St. Joseph's consistently ranks among the top four-year private colleges as listed in *U.S. News & World Report* and *Forbes* because we offer stellar academics, innovative programs and personal support while keeping our tuition reasonable," said SJC President S. Elizabeth Hill, C.S.J., J.D.

"Our approach, with its emphasis on small class sizes and creating an environment in

which our students can thrive academically and personally, enables us to provide an honors-style education at a manageable cost to all, that will prepare them for successful careers within four years."

Meanwhile, *Washington Monthly* has rated SJC as No. 31 on its 2013 list of "Best-Bang-for-the-Buck Colleges" in America. Of the 1,572 colleges and universities in the publication's broad ranking, only 349 made the official list. The College ranked in the top 40 for all colleges and universities and the top four in the nation for private colleges.

"We are delighted and gratified to see that St. Joseph's has been recognized as a college that provides a high quality education in a great array of disciplines at a very modest cost," S. Elizabeth said. "We are committed to academic excellence, access and affordability, and we really do give a great 'bang for the buck.' We have done this for almost 100 years, and will continue to do so." ■



Alumnus Steve Somers '82 Joins Board of Trustees



The St. Joseph's College Board of Trustees has elected alumnus Steve Somers '82 as its newest member. Somers was inaugurated to his new post last fall, along with other recent additions Alberta D'Afflisio Aldinger '70 and Michael E. Ryan.

"The College is delighted to welcome the newest installment of three very distinguished individuals to join its leadership," said SJC President S. Elizabeth Hill, C.S.J., J.D. "Each of our new trustees bring a unique perspective to their position as board members and we look forward to the guidance and expertise that they will provide us in the future."

Somers is the owner and president of Vigon International Inc., a leading manufacturer of high-quality flavor and fragrance ingredients, including essential oils, oleoresins, botanical extracts and natural and synthetic aroma extracts. Founded in 1988, the company was purchased by Somers 10 years later and has since grown exponentially in both employee and facility size. One of Lehigh Valley's fastest growing companies, Vigon International was named one of the "Best Places to Work in Pennsylvania" in 2013. ■



HTM Program Earns \$1 Million Grant

In December, St. Joseph's announced it had been awarded \$1 million in grants from the Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) to market and expand the College's new Hospitality and Tourism Management (HTM) program.

"St. Joseph's College is undergoing a transformation, which we hope will help meet the growing employment needs of the region," said SJC President S. Elizabeth Hill, C.S.J., J.D. "With this grant, we will be able to expand our new offerings in the fields of hospitality and tourism and create a more certain future for our students and the Long Island region, and for that, we are so thankful."

The College will use the funds to expand its HTM program, the only four-year HTM degree program offered on Long Island, which was created to train and educate the future workforce in the fields of tourism, health care hospitality and hotel management. To further enhance the learning experience, the College has formed collaborative partnerships with hotels, hospitals, the eco- and agritourism industries, businesses, nonprofits, transportation entities, educational institutions and local, county and state government, to offer internships and spur job creation and economic growth on Long Island and throughout the greater New York Metropolitan area.

In addition, the College plans to renovate and redesign existing space on its Long Island Campus to house the new program and create a HTM business incubator. The on-campus renovations are expected to be complete in 2016.

The REDC was established in 2011 by New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to develop long-term strategic plans for economic growth for each of the 10 regions of New York state. Over the past three years, the regional councils have awarded billions of dollars for

job creation and community development. These councils are public-private partnerships comprising local experts and stakeholders from business, academia, local government and nongovernmental organizations.

Program's Influence Continues to Grow

Also in December, the College was proud to host its first Hospitality and Tourism Symposium at the Long Island Campus. The event featured a panel of three esteemed leaders from the world of hospitality and tourism: Long Island Wine Council President Steven Bate; Concorde Hotel Group President and Long Island Hospitality and Leisure Association President Mike Johnston; and Long Island Convention and Visitors Bureau President/CEO Moke McGowan.

On an inhospitably rainy morning, O'Connor Hall's warm and welcoming McGann Conference Center filled with guests eager to dry off and participate in the day's symposium—including local politicians, such as Patchogue Village Mayor Paul Pontieri, and representatives from Suffolk County Community College's own hospitality program.

The interactive event was an opportunity to open SJC's doors to industry professionals seeking to learn more about St. Joseph's Institute for Hospitality and Tourism Management (IHTM), and to educate outsiders about the burgeoning hospitality industry on Long Island.

HTM co-chairs Gail Lamberta, Ph.D., and Eileen Jahn, Ph.D., moderated the symposium, which covered all aspects of the region's offerings to visitors and residents. Each of the three panelists offered his own professional perspective, from the agritourism and winery tour boom of the East End, to the expanded growth and trends in hotel visitation and tourism on Long Island. ■

Biology

Michael J. Hanophy, Ph.D., and student Stephanie Thermoier '13 attended the 30th annual NEMPET (Northeast Microbiologists; Physiology, Ecology and Taxonomy) conference in Blue Mountain Lake, N.Y. Stephanie presented a poster of the thesis work she did with Dr. Hanophy, titled "Filtration of *E. coli* and *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* by Bivalve Mollusks and Subsequent Tissue Accumulation."

Business Administration and Accounting

For the fourth year in a row, the *New York Law Journal* has named **Elizabeth Bonina, J.D.**, one of the top 10 mediators in New York state. She is also ranked as the No. 1 arbitrator in the state. A former justice of the state Supreme Court, Ms. Bonina currently teaches business law at the Brooklyn Campus.

Thomas Horan and his wife, Margaret Horan, co-authored "Strategies for Reducing the Alternative Minimum Tax" for the March 2013 edition of *The CPA Journal*.

Chemistry

Jeonghee Kang, Ph.D.'s paper regarding drug delivery, "Study of mechanism in photorelease reaction of GABA for 1,2,2-triphenylethane (TPE)," has been accepted by *Letters in Organic Chemistry* for publication in early 2014.

Child Study

Katherine L. Granelli '82, Ed.D., and her sister, **Claudia Bonavita '88, M.S.**, presented, "Integrating Special Education Practices Into a Medical Model of Recovery From a Brain Injury: A Case Study" to the staff in the Brain Injury Unit at Glen Cove Hospital on September 20.

Communication Studies

Lisa Tafuro contributed an article on microdynamics of interaction in the September 2013 special issue of the journal *IEEE Transactions on Autonomous Mental Development*. Her work, titled "From Action to Interaction: Infant

Object Exploration and Mothers' Contingent Responsiveness," is the result of Tafuro's ongoing collaborative work at New York University with the Center for Research on Culture, Development and Education.

Through the support of a theatre research grant from the Jerome Foundation, **William Trevino** traveled to South Korea last October to further his study of the relationship between martial arts and performance. A fourth-degree black belt with more than 20 years experience in Korean martial arts, he was invited to participate in a weeklong, master-level training retreat in the mountains of Kyong Buk. The research he conducted there will be employed to devise an original theater performance.

Education

Two faculty members from the adolescence education department have been chosen to serve on New York state standard setting committees for the new teacher certification examinations. **Margaret Moss** will be serving on the Assessing Literacy Skills Test (ALST) Standard Setting Committee, and **Roy Pellicano, Ed.D.**, will be serving on the edTPA (Education Teacher Performance Assessment) Standard Setting Committee.

Maria Lamincella-DiCarlo, Ed.D.; **Margaret Moss**; and **S. Nancy Gilchrist, Ed.D.**, presented "Theory, Practice & the edTPA: Research on Effective Teaching" at the fall 2013 Conference of the New York State Association of Teacher Educators (NYSATE) and the New York Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (NYACTE).

English

Alena Dillon's collection of humor essays, *I Thought We Agreed to Pee in the Ocean: And Other Amusings From a Girl Wearing Sweatpants* was published in September by Martlet & Mare Books. It is available in paperback and e-book formats from Amazon.com and select bookstores. Dillon also had articles published by *The*



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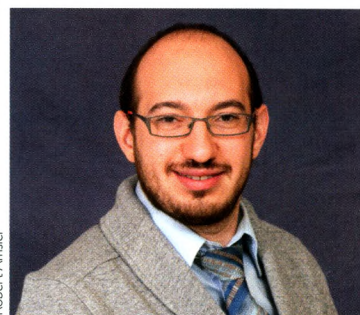
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Huffington Post and *Pithead Chapel*, and will be presenting at Nassau Community College's Literature Live series in March.

Egomania, a one-act play by **Noreen McAllister-Bifulco**, was selected to be produced and performed at the Wild Project theater in Manhattan this past summer through the Mottola Theatre Project's annual Cherry Pick-ing festival, 2013: *The Year of Fear*.

Graduate Management Studies

K. Candis Best, J.D., M.B.A., Ph.D., co-facilitated a Core Conversations presentation titled "Digital Divide or Sinkhole: Tech Famines in the U.S." at South by Southwest in Austin, Texas, in March 2014.

Charles Pendola, J.D., C.P.A., M.P.S., contributed a technical accounting article to *Accounting Today*. The article, "Odd Accounting: Why Accounting for Collection of Previously Written Off Accounts Makes No Sense," was published in November.

Robert Seperson, M.B.A., attended the sixth international conference, The Rights of National Minorities — Fighting Against Discrimination, in Golubic, Croatia, in August. The conference was sponsored by the Center for History, Democracy and Reconciliation and the Association for History, Cooperation and Reconciliation. Mr. Seperson participated in a session titled "Holocaust — Education about the Past as a Condition for a Better Future." The goal of the conference is to teach tolerance, increase respect toward minorities, recognize the dignity of each individual and encourage the return of those who left the area as a result of the most recent war. Recommendations included adding specific lessons in the curriculum

and increasing joint political activities between the Serbs and Croats.

History

James Blakeley, Ph.D., was awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend in 2013 for his work, "Persecution, Toleration, Coexistence: Early-Modern Responses to Religious Pluralism." He also published an article that appeared in the *Sixteenth Century Journal* on religious coexistence in early-modern Switzerland, and in October delivered a paper at the Sixteenth Century Studies Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Monica Brennan, Ph.D., contributed an article, "For the Boys March at Dawn," to the fall 2013 issue of the *Irish Literary Supplement*, a biannual publication of book reviews of books of Irish interest.

Hospitality and Tourism Management

The *Dictionary of International Business Terms* (Barron's Educational Series Inc.) by **John J. Capela** has been translated into Chinese and published by the Shanghai University of Finance and Economic Press.

Management

Diane Pfadenhauer, J.D., recently finished two books: the 2013 edition of her *New York State Employment Law Guide*, and *Wage & Hour Law: A Guide to the Fair Labor Standards Act and State Wage and Hour Laws*. The books, both published by Datamotion Publishing LLC, are the ninth and 10th she has written.

Mathematics and Computer Science

David Seppala-Holtzman, Ph.D., recently had two articles accept-

ed for publication: "Proof Without Words: Ensphering Capped Prisms," and "A Canonical Conical Function." Both are to appear in *The College Mathematics Journal* published by the Mathematical Association of America.

Nursing

Tae Sook Kim, R.N., Ph.D., C.N.E., co-authored an article titled "Educational interventions to enhance employee breast health: A program evaluation using the Barrett power theory," which was published in *Visions: The Journal of Rogerian Nursing Science*.

Philosophy

Landon Frim, Ph.D., presented a paper, "Must Charity Begin at Home? Impartialism and Oikeiosis in Contemporary Ethical Dilemmas," at the Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum's October 5 conference at Oregon State University.

In June 2013, **Emilie Kutash, Ph.D.**, presented "Sacred Geometry and Modern Art" at the International Society for Neoplatonic Studies (ISNS) conference, hosted by the Cardiff University Centre for Late Antique Religion and Culture in Wales.

Wendy Turgeon, Ph.D., presented a paper, "Philosophical novels and philosophy with children," at the American Philosophical Association's 2013 Eastern Division Meeting in Baltimore in December.

Political Science

Stephen Rockwell, Ph.D., contributed a book review to the September issue of *The Journal of American History*, and has agreed to write the entry on the 1968 Indian Civil Rights Act for American Governance, a reference work to be published by Macmillan. A paperback edition of his 2010 book, *Indian*

Affairs and the Administrative State in the Nineteenth Century, was released in August by Cambridge University Press.

Psychology

Kathy Frost, Ph.D., was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Colloquium on Violence and Religion (COV&R), an international association of scholars dedicated to the exploration of René Girard's mimetic theory. She also co-authored (with Frank Richardson, University of Texas at Austin) a chapter, "Psychology, Hermeneutic Philosophy, and Girardian Thought: Toward a Creative Mimesis," published in *René Girard and Reconciliation* (January 2014).

Peter Lin, Ph.D., works as a photojournalist in disaster relief. One of his photos was recently included in "A Prosaic View of Hurricane San-

dy," published by *The New York Times* on October 28. His work was also featured in the Museum of the City of New York's photo exhibition, *Rising Waters: Photographs of Sandy*, from October 29 to March 2.

Sociology

William Bengston, Ph.D., has been re-elected president of the Society for Scientific Exploration (SSE). He presented an invited paper suggesting a novel approach to placebo research at SSE's 32nd annual meeting, *Unsettled Science*, held in Dearborn, Mich., in June.

Raymond D'Angelo, Ph.D., was the moderator of a roundtable session during the 2013 American Sociological Association (ASA) conference in New York City. The

session, *New Ethnic Neighborhoods* in New York City, was part of the Race & Ethnicity Conference within ASA. On November 3, D'Angelo participated in a panel for the Hot 97 FM radio program *Street Soldiers*, moderated by Lisa Evers. The topic was "Shop and Frisk: Racial Profiling by Major Department Stores."

Speech

(Communication Studies)

Yingfan Zhang, Ph.D., presented a paper, "The Onion is Quickly Cut Into the Core: Social Penetration Theory and Online Interpersonal Communication," at the annual conference of Popular Cultural Association and American Culture Association, held in April in Chicago. ■

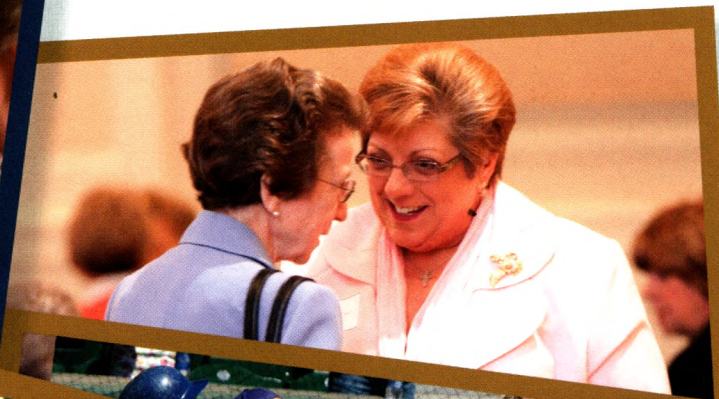


Shot by Peter Lin, this photo of Tzu Chi volunteers preparing 700 meals in darkness after Superstorm Sandy was published by *The New York Times* on October 28.



An *SJC* Retrospective

AFTER 33 YEARS
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TO HER
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S. ELIZABETH A. HILL
STEPS DOWN





IN LATE JUNE 2013, S. ELIZABETH A. HILL, C.S.J., J.D., ANNOUNCED HER RESIGNATION AS PRESIDENT OF ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

In this, the final publication of *SJCNY* before S. Elizabeth's retirement, we examine the legacy of a president who took St. Joseph's College into the 21st century and, breaking the cliché of never looking back, vowed to look back constantly. In doing so, she affirmed the defining mission this institution holds dearest: Never forgetting the value of its past.

Since 1997, S. Elizabeth held the title of president of St. Joseph's College — only the fifth in its nearly 100-year history. During her 17 years in that position, she earned the ultimate respect from her faculty, staff, contemporaries and generations of SJC students.

S. Elizabeth A. Hill is a woman who led with articulate simplicity, warmth and congeniality. At every function, whether at a collegewide commemoration, department event or simply during a personal conversation, her presence was equal parts brilliant, kind and effortlessly authentic.

Gathered in the pages that follow are testimonials to the spirit of S. Elizabeth A. Hill. For nearly two decades as president, S. Elizabeth's level of care was evident to all.

Jack P. Calareso, Ph.D., was selected as our new president on March 24, after a long search process that was both rigorous and somber. On July 1, Calareso will pick up the torch that S. Elizabeth has carried for so long and guide St. Joseph's College through its centennial celebration in 2016 and on toward the future. We anticipate great things from him, and for good reason: His predecessor set a high standard for future leaders of SJC.

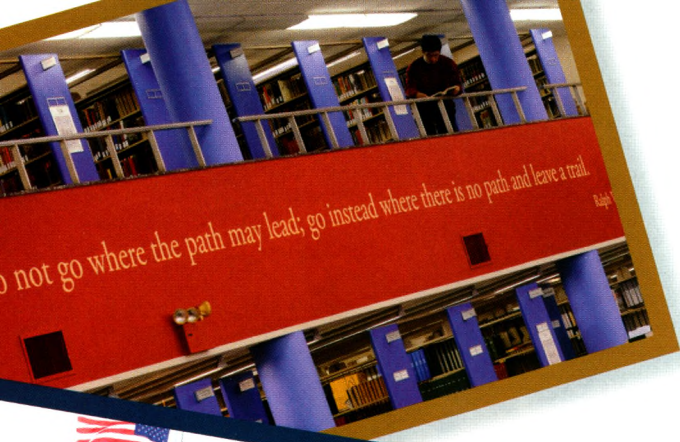
S. Elizabeth leaves with her legacy intact as a passionate leader. Her enthusiasm will be unmatched.

She's the woman who helped expand both campuses, and kept us competitive in times of turbulence. She's the woman who either helped start so many of our burgeoning initiatives, or bolster our programs into renowned SJC degrees. She's the woman who's been honored with several trophy cases worth of accolades. Above all, however, S. Elizabeth has remained a dedicated educator. The simple philosophy of the selfless teacher was always dear to her heart, as we could all tell.

"Being with young people is a great source of hope," S. Elizabeth stated in a 2013 interview with *The National Catholic Reporter*. "Their idealism and belief that they can and will help make things better, that they can and will change the world, gives me hope."

We bid a fond farewell to S. Elizabeth Hill. Our teacher. Our leader. Our friend.





S. Elizabeth

A P O R T R A I T

S. MARY FLORENCE BURNS '46, C.S.J., PH.D.

Academic Vice President Emerita, St. Joseph's College

If you were to look at S. Elizabeth Hill's graduation picture in the College yearbook, I think you would see a future president. There is a steadiness, the intelligence, the astuteness — almost the far-sightedness, if I can put it that way — and the willingness to work, interest in people, kindness, thoughtfulness, all there from early on.

S. HELEN KEARNEY '67, C.S.J., PH.D.

*President, Sisters of St. Joseph
Trustee, St. Joseph's College*

When Elizabeth became president of St. Joseph's College, the entire ceremony was about the values of education and the social responsibility that students must find in that education, and Elizabeth has literally promoted those values in everything that she's done.

S. KATHLEEN MCKINNEY '71, C.S.J., ED.D.

*Principal, The Mary Louis Academy
Trustee, St. Joseph's College*

Elizabeth is real; she is a very real person. She takes relationships seriously, she always has time for people, she stops and she talks to people. She is; she doesn't seem.

RAYMOND N. D'ANGELO, PH.D.

Chair, St. Joseph's College Department of Social Sciences

I remember being a part of her search committee 17 years ago, where she laid out her plan for the future of the College. She very carefully itemized what she wanted to do. She wanted to increase support for faculty research and scholarship; she's done that. She wanted to increase athletic facilities on both campuses; she's done that. She wanted to enhance the presence of both campuses in their communities, in Patchogue and in Brooklyn, and she's done that.

CARELLE CHEREBIN '09

Medical Student, NYIT College of Osteopathic Medicine

Every time I passed her office, her door would be open. I actually spoke to her — it was a brief conversation, I think about the dean's list or something like that — and she was just so pleasant, and it kind of inspires me to be that kind of leader; that humble, pleasant, personable leader.

A. Hill, C.S.J.

N LEADERSHIP

Leadership

MICHAEL J. HANOPHY, PH.D.

Chair, St. Joseph's College Department of Biology

I think I first met S. Elizabeth within my first week or two here. I knew who the president was, but I figured there were 100 faculty, they just hired 10 or 12 of us, and I didn't think she would know who I was, and I would introduce myself in my own time, but I think I met her in the front hall and she introduced herself and she knew who I was, which struck me as unusual for the president of a college. I knew there was something a little different right then about S. Elizabeth as a president.

SISTER HELEN

I think our core charism is really love of God and neighbor without distinction, and I think Elizabeth has certainly promoted that.

SHEILA M. BAIRD

*Co-founder and Partner, Kimelman & Baird LLC
Trustee, St. Joseph's College*

Her leadership style has just engendered great loyalty and devotion. She has a very collaborative style. She's decisive but she listens to all opinions, and she's very clear in her vision. I certainly attribute the expansion [of the College] greatly to her — she's had a very solid team behind her, both in administration and in faculty — but, of course, a team doesn't just happen by itself. It needs a good leader to create that team.

MICHAEL HANOPHY

Somebody came in to use the labs — they wanted to use the labs for some kind of filming — and they referred to the labs as “quaint,” and S. Elizabeth went to the chair at the time and said, “I know that the word quaint is not something I want to hear used for my laboratories.” She wanted to see that we were giving students the best cutting-edge science education we could.

SISTER HELEN

I was on faculty for 43 years, and many a student in my class would tell me they were having a struggle. They had come perhaps on partial scholarship, some came on full scholarship, they were





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SJC's progressive new journalism major prepares students for a changing media culture

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The future may seem daunting for the print industry, but journalism remains an essential media practice. It is human nature to participate in and be informed about the world in which we live, and that constant need will never change.

St. Joseph's College sees the value of this method of public service and recently introduced a B.A. in Journalism and New Media Studies (JNM) program on both its campuses. As the information age is constantly evolving, this new program teaches students reporting skills, as well as how these skills can be used to communicate in various forms of media.

"We're adapting the traditions of good reporting and storytelling to the era of new media," says Theodore Hamm, the JNM department chair.

Students will be put on a path tailored specifically for a career in media communications. The major has been operational in Brooklyn for more than a year, and opened to students on the Long Island Campus in the fall 2013 semester. The first class of Long Island JNM majors will graduate in May 2015. The 18-credit minor, also instituted in fall 2013, can be achieved in one year for current students, if their schedules allow.

No matter how you cover it, the future for St. Joseph's aspiring journalists is bright.

Defining the **NEW MEDIA**

What does "new media" actually mean? MJ Robinson, Ph.D., associate chair of the journalism and new media studies department on the Long Island Campus, characterizes the intersection of digital technology and networked communication as the major feature of the current phase of new media.

According to Robinson, interactivity and digitization now affect all forms of media — text, photos, videos and infographics — creating a new age of digital journalism.

Robinson is a political economist/broadcast historian who holds a Ph.D. in Media Culture and Communication from New York University. Her work investigates the interaction between television industry practices, technology and culture, drawing upon her professional experience in international co-production for the *Law & Order* franchise and films such as *The Interpreter*. Her book, *Television on Demand: Curatorial Culture and the Transformation of TV*, hits bookshelves in 2015.

"New media is when we move into the Web 2.0 environment and everything becomes interactive," Robinson says. The term "interactive" refers to the fact that people can comment on a story, journalists can reply to readers, and readers can talk amongst themselves, share additional links that might relate to a story or upload their own pictures or video to augment the news coverage.

"This new form of communication," she says, "opens up the possibility of participation in the media environment to a larger population." For the Long Island students, the new degree opens a wealth of new opportunities for publishing work and starting careers. "Students have the opportunity to publish on the *St. Joe's Report L.I.* [stjoesreport-li.org], the department's online publication/showcase/laboratory of student work,"

“Interactivity and digitization now affect all forms of media — text, photos, videos and infographics — creating a new age of digital journalism.”



Robinson says. "Students also get involved with local media. Current students have had internships at News 12 and the radio stations owned by JVC Communications, as well as other news and new media communication outlets."

Journalism has recently been perceived as being at the edge of extinction, so why introduce a new journalism major?

Although it's evident that print journalism is indeed paring back, Robinson believes that journalism as a whole is merely transforming.

"The industry has been changing drastically, so we're educating students for jobs in digital journalism and its related fields," she says. "New media communication is a lucrative field and there are jobs in pretty much every company or business sector for people with this knowledge."

It's not just for journalists — the major teaches digital storytelling and how to manage communications in our always-on, always-accessible networked world. Students learn pertinent and helpful information in this major, which will prepare them for employment in myriad industries.

This new digital media environment calls for a new curriculum that will teach students how to succeed in it. Even if students decide against going into journalism exclusively,

Robinson knows that there is a need in every industry for the skill set a person acquires through the program. The major also complements many other areas of study, including business, marketing, political science and communication studies, all of which are offered by the College.

The Brooklyn EXPERIENCE

The Brooklyn Campus began conducting classes for its journalism and new media studies program in September 2012. Under the direction of Theodore Hamm, founding editor of the literary and culture tabloid *The Brooklyn Rail*, the journalism department in Brooklyn has begun to increase its curriculum, incorporating a number of reporting subjects.

The initial courses in the major cover the basic techniques of reporting and journalistic writing. "Long-form journalism is a dying art, but being a writer is essential to new media," Hamm says. While the course allows itself to be not exclusively writing based, but writing oriented, this differentiates itself from a traditional English course.

In Clinton Hill, there is an extensive stress on reporting on the city, which allows the students to have direct access to several stories. Local reporting in the past year has focused on city politics and the recent mayoral race. The course has expanded to reporting on arts and culture, business, science, the environment and sports. Journalists must be storytellers, and the students have learned to apply their skills and publish their work on the course's website.

The Brooklyn Campus also dove right into the new media aspect of the today's journalistic world through its online SJC news source, *St. Joe's Report* (stjoesreport.org). Each course in Brooklyn's journalism program contains its own blog page on the website for students to publish original reporting.



According to Hamm, the goal for the site is to eventually be completely student run.

In most of the journalism classes, students heavily discuss news stories related to the course and read many articles on the topic. They are then assigned each week to report on specific areas and write blog posts that are peer-evaluated and edited during class, which

is a process that continues until the end of the semester. Most class time is spent discussing and fleshing out students' areas of interest so they can write on one particular story for the final portion of the semester.

Accompanying the site is a variety of social media, which is an area of study that the department will eventually induct. With an increasingly visual world, the concept of new media is heavily involved in the journalism course that students are more familiar with as they are active participants in this technological world.

To the students, one of the more exciting parts of the curriculum is the use of different storytelling mediums. In the course Digital Media I, students learn to create their own website and the basics of editing photos and video. Then continuing in Digital Media II, students each create their own short documentary while learning how to be an effective video journalist.

"Like journalism graduate schools, we cover the basics of writing, shooting, and editing then posting," Hamm says. Learning to be independent journalists with multimedia skills is one of the ways students can better market themselves.

The knowledge of **KNOWLEDGE-BASED JOURNALISM**

The 24-hour news cycle, Web-based journalism, infotainment and the influence of social media forms such as Twitter make the teaching of knowledge-based journalism crucial to the training of socially responsible, informed and ethical reporters.

Knowledge-based journalists, Robinson says, "know what they know, know what they don't know and know how to ask the questions to get what they don't. Cable news outlets often take an interpretive approach to the stories they are reporting and allow opinions to stand in for facts or be reported without substantial verification. The JNM major

teaches students to practice the journalism of verification and to objectively report what they have discovered in their research so their readers, viewers or listeners come to view them as reliable sources."

In addition to what is being taught in the classroom, there are exciting opportunities for students to gain perspective on potential careers and acquire on-the-job experience. Many events, including guest lectures from established journalists, build awareness about the program on campus and outside the community.

Students in the Brooklyn Campus' program were recently invited to participate in events with known news publications to connect with potential employers. Last October, WNYC Public Radio held an event, NewsHive, at SJC for burgeoning journalists to produce news stories. Then in November, a panel of producers from the NBC News Leadership Development Program spoke to students on how they got started in the business. In addition to a networking event, students were able to receive one-on-one mentorship from the producers of *NBC Nightly News*, *Today* and *MSNBC*.

Both programs promote students to apply for internships at news organizations so that they may gain the experience to begin their careers. Current students enrolled in the JNM program include Antoinette Cammarano '14, who interns at CBS, and Yarelyn Estevez '15 who interns at the assignment desk at ABC. SJC's strong connections with NBC, Viacom, and the *Queens Ledger* allow the students to explore their opportunities within the College. Jordan Buffa '15 interned at News 12 last fall, and will be working in their event management and promotions department after graduation. Alyssa Reynolds '15 will be interning for Giaronomo, a film trailer editing company, in the fall. Dylan Gafarian '15 is coordinating a partnership between SJC Radio and JVC's news radio station at MacArthur Airport.

The creation of the JNM minor is part of SJC's innovative approach to education. Like other recently instituted programs, such as hospitality and tourism management, nursing and the marketing minor, it acknowledges the changing job markets that students are entering after graduation. Its emphasis on new media communication skills that equip students for careers in journalism and/or other new media fields demonstrates SJC's dedication to providing students with a liberal arts education for the 21st century.

As the department in Brooklyn is working journalism into becoming a minor, current students are active participants in creating news stories on a consistent basis, which is the job of a journalist. The JNM department plans to expand its course offerings to include reporting on sports, religion and education. And in the not-too-distant future, overseas reporting will be offered as well, thus enabling majors to fully expand their horizons. ■

A Brewtiful Mind



Robert Amsler

How Patrick McHale '10 found himself at the center of a brewing revolution

By Brian Sutch • bsutch@sjcny.edu

When Patrick McHale first arrived as a freshman at St. Joseph's Long Island Campus in 2006, the Island was home to only two craft breweries: Southampton Publick House and Patchogue's own Blue Point Brewing Company.

By the time he graduated in 2010, there were five.

When *SJCNY* spoke with him in 2013, there were 13 breweries and four brew pubs scattered between the Queens-Nassau border and the Montauk Point lighthouse, with at least two more awaiting licensure. That's to say nothing of the burgeoning microbrew scene in Brooklyn, geographically on Long Island, but culturally in its own world.

As for McHale, you can find him grinding malted barley and raising a glass with other local beer appreciators at Hoptron Brewtique, an up-and-coming hub of the craft beer community, which opened its doors at 22 West Main Street in Patchogue in November 2012.

A combination bar/craft-beer retailer/homebrew supply store with an emphasis on super-local brews, Hoptron is a virtual oasis for beer geeks in a beverage landscape which, though constantly changing, is still dominated by mass-produced, low-quality offerings.

It was his dissatisfaction with the bland, generic beers of the world that led McHale, a former mathematics major, to discover homebrewing, a hobby turned passion that he parlayed into a career through some simple networking.

"I joined a club called Long Island Beer and Malt Enthusiasts," McHale explained. "The first meeting I went to was at Bobbique [at 70 West Main Street in Patchogue] and I met Mike Philbrick, who's the owner of Port Jeff Brewing Company, before they were open. I kept in touch with him, and when they opened I started working in the tasting room."

It was there he met Amanda Danielson, Hoptron's co-owner (along with Sue Lara), who shared her plans to open a growler bar in Patchogue. McHale, who recently moved into town, was thrilled by the prospect.

"I said 'I'm a homebrewer. I would love to open up a homebrew supply shop in Patchogue.'" He even went so far as to scout out possible locations, but didn't have the money to make it happen.

"And she said 'We would love to sell homebrewing equipment but we don't know anything about homebrewing.'"

The meeting proved beneficial for everyone involved. What was initially intended to be a consulting gig would ultimately lead to McHale working as a manager at the newly opened store. For the first few months, he was a fixture

behind the bar, offering samples and pints from 16 taps while espousing the virtues of craft beer to aficionados and curious passersby alike.

When Hoptron expanded to create a stand-alone homebrew shop last May, he jumped at the opportunity to turn his hobby into a full-time job. In addition to advising customers of all levels of experience, McHale teaches beginners' homebrewing classes, and has even been seen from time to time providing musical entertainment at the bar. *SJCNY* spotted him singing and playing guitar during one of Patchogue's Alive After Five summer street festivals, performing such classics as "Let My Love Open the Door" and "Me and Julio Down by the Schoolyard," the latter complete with an impressive whistling solo.

McHale estimates that he has brewed 20-25 different varieties of beer over the years, producing a new one about once a month early on, but his all-time favorite was a collaboration with a friend.

"Me and my buddy that I used to brew with, we twice brewed around Christmastime our holiday seasonal — we called it *Brewdolph* — it was just kind of a strong, malty and sweet brew with honey, cinnamon and ginger ... that was the fourth beer we had made together, and it was the first one we were really proud of. We made it again the next year, and it came out even better."

It proved fortuitous for McHale that his interest in homebrewing would be piqued while Long Island and New York City were in the midst of a craft beer renaissance. The last five years have produced about half a dozen successful breweries on the Island, including Port Jeff, Greenport Harbor Brewing, Long Ireland Beer Company in Riverhead and Great South Bay Brewery in Bay Shore, to name just a few.

Still, despite the recent explosion, the region is still playing catch-up with other areas of the country.

"I think we're noticing it more now, because we're kind of



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Feeling thirsty? Check out magazine.sjcny.edu for an exclusive look at one of Patrick McHale's own homebrew recipes: Take Two Pale Ale. Cheers!



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Keeping ^{up} with Ginny

Michael Macioce

More than 50 years after graduating, Virginia McLaughlin continues to give 100 percent to St. Joe's

By Ana Maerz

Current St. Joseph's students would have to call themselves lucky if they could keep up with Class of 1962 graduate Virginia O'Rourke McLaughlin. An active participant on both the Long Island and Brooklyn branches of the St. Joseph's College Alumni Association, "Ginny" seems never to have a moment of rest, with her energy and time spent between giving back to the college she credits with giving her "a lifetime of learning," and enjoying her retirement with a full social and cultural life.

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in child study, McLaughlin continued her studies at Hunter College, where she received a master's degree in speech communication. She worked as a classroom teacher and then as a speech pathologist in public schools, first in Brooklyn and later in Hicksville, Long Island. She has lived in Huntington, Long Island for more than 40 years.

"I had a fabulous career," she said of her work in education, which included writing curriculum for television, helping with the development of Head Start programs, and working in private practice after retiring from the classroom. As with most of her successes, she credits St. Joe's with her fulfilling and dynamic career.

"It's the St. Joseph's degree that made me strong in new situations. I knew I had what I needed to be successful," she explained.

McLaughlin's time at St. Joseph's — when tuition was just \$16 a credit — was in some ways difficult, as she was not prepared for the amount of reading that she would have to do, and struggled in some of her science and math classes. With the help of her teachers, she managed to succeed academically and maintain the alumni scholarship she was awarded before her freshman year, while also participating in the Chapel Players Dramatic Society, the religion committee, and the yearbook.

Her mother, Anne Hennessy O'Rourke '35, was a major influence on her life, ever enthusiastic about St. Joseph's and allowing her daughter to work only during the summer and while school was on break, so that she would have the benefit of fully experiencing everything St. Joseph's had to offer.

While working through the rigorous academics of St. Joseph's, McLaughlin's life was balanced by the tremendous friends she met and has kept to this day. "All these years

later, my dearest friends are the ones I met all those years ago because we shared something that only comes once — your undergraduate education," she said.

In addition to offering an atmosphere in which she bonded with her classmates, the College also introduced her to the expansive cultural opportunities of New York.

"Our campus was New York City," she explained. "We had this amazing city, and we were encouraged to explore it. Life was out there; life was not just in Brooklyn and there was a lot to see and do." A love for art, opera, ballet and theater was instilled in McLaughlin while she was at St. Joseph's, and has carried her through life. In conversation, her references to Broadway shows, museum exhibitions, and contemporary fiction are numerous. Though she lives in Huntington, she takes the train to the city to meet friends almost every week to catch up on the latest shows, or to participate in one of the three walking groups of which she is a member.

Walking, camping, paddling and hiking are all a big part of McLaughlin's life. Several times a year she participates in shoreline walks of Manhattan — the 32-mile circumference of the borough is a favorite. In the warmer months, she enjoys solo camping in the Adirondacks and paddling Long Island's waters. When asked if she is ever fearful about camping alone, she emphatically said, "No; campers are the nicest people in the world."

Traveling continues to be a highlight for her and she frequently visits Ireland to spend time with her family and hike the mountains and coastal trails. When not exploring the city, getting into nature, or spending time with her family — she has three children and four grandchildren — McLaughlin dedicates her time to giving back to St. Joseph's.

"The thrill for me has been to be on the board. That's what St. Joe's is about: You receive, but then you give back."

She serves as a liaison between the Long Island and Brooklyn alumni boards, helping them to stay up to date with each other and support each other. In 2006, she established an endowed scholarship fund in honor of her sister, Annie O'Rourke '71, who passed away in 2001. The fund benefits one Brooklyn Campus student each year who is in need of financial assistance.

"I'm indebted to St. Joe's for the breadth of living that it has given me," McLaughlin says. ■

All the possibilities are
WITHIN

From farm boy in Guyana to successful physician in America: Dr. Vishnu Seodat '79

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Born in an underdeveloped country, Vishnu Seodat '79, M.D., embarked on a journey to America, fulfilling his dream of becoming a doctor. Seodat emigrated from the South American nation of Guyana to the United States in 1973, when he was 24 years old.

From his home in Mattituck, Long Island, where he lives with his wife and youngest son, Seodat looks back on the childhood that shaped who he is today.

"I grew up in a rural neighborhood, and it was tough," Seodat says. After his parents separated when he was 2 years old, his mother raised him and his five siblings on her own. "We went to elementary school in a village, and we were quite poor because we had only my mom, who was a farmer and a day laborer." Even with her courageous effort, Seodat explains that he and his siblings had to assist in maintaining the farm.

"In the mornings, we took care of the cattle, went to school, and then after, we'd go back on the farm," he says. "Then, we would shower, have dinner, practice religion and do our homework. We had no electricity and no furniture so we read on the floor, using a lamp that was powered by kerosene."

Living every day with this routine, Seodat's inspiration to become a doctor was reaffirmed when he was 10 years old. After a rainy day, he had got pneumonia and was aided by the village doctor.

"Here, this guy came into my life, provided good medical care and I got better," he said. "I thought he was a great man, so kind and compassionate and I thought, 'this is what I want to do, this is my dream.'"

From operating on his sister's dolls to patching up an injured leg on the cows and chickens, Seodat clung to his passion. Money was a constant struggle, so after he attended high school for a year and received his diploma, Seodat took the general certificate examination, allowing him to apply for a job.

"But I was 15 years old at the time and too young to apply at a hospital. So I continued to study, work the farm and got a job as a teacher when I was 17," he says. "My mom prayed very fervently that I should get my wish and through that recognition, through God's graces, my determination and bullish attitude, I wasn't going to give up. I had to be somebody." After teaching for a year, Seodat got the opportunity to pursue a medical position.

"I went for the interview and got accepted, so I quit my teaching job at 18 and started nursing," he says. "I finished

the three-year hospital based program and, after I graduated, I took my licensing exam."

With this progress, Seodat wanted to extend his expertise, so he took the opportunity to come to America.

"If you had your nursing degree, a job in Guyana and a certification, you could get to the United States," Seodat says. "So that was my ticket out. I had to come and work here to create myself and fulfill my desire."

"But I couldn't get a visa until I passed the foreign exams and got accepted by a hospital that was willing to have me work as a graduate nurse. So I did all of that and went into the American embassy. Then, they called me for an interview and I presented my papers and based on those merits and my eligibility to work, they granted me this visa to come to America."

After arriving in the States with his wife and 1-year-old son, it took him three months to get a hospital-based job.

"I got a job at Downstate [Medical Center, in Brooklyn], in one of their alcohol detox units and then I finally got a job in a hospital as a nurse," Seodat says. During this time, he enrolled in Farmingdale State College.

"I got a sense of what college was like and I did OK," he continues. "I was working full-time and applied as a full-time student. Whatever the maximum was, I did it."

The next stop on his journey was St. Joseph's College's Long Island Campus.

"I didn't come into the school as structured as it is now," Seodat says. "They had classrooms in various places because they were just starting this campus."

Within a year, he had completed a B.S. in Health Care Administration. Seodat continued his journey, attending medical school, completing his residency at Southside Hospital in Bay Shore and passing his board exams. He eventually became the hospital's chief resident, and developed an award-winning alcohol detox and rehab unit. He also served as an assistant clinical professor for family practice residency at Southside from 1988 to 1989, while also working at Brunswick Hospital in Amityville.

"In '88, I started my private practice in Mattituck and then moved out to Riverhead," he says. As his private practice in family medicine grew, Seodat also served as president of medical and dental staff at the Peconic Bay Medical Center in Riverhead. Throughout the years, his peers and the community recognized his hard work and dedication, and Seodat was named Peconic Bay's Physician of the Year in 2005. Now, he is involved in the newly established School of Medicine

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VICKY CASTAGNA '74
CARRIES ON THE IDEALS OF SJC

by Ana Maerz

Having grown up in Red Hook, Brooklyn, long before the arrival of the cafés and bikers that populate the neighborhood today, Class of 1974 graduate Vicky Castagna says she owes all of her success — and even her life — to St. Joseph's College. The daughter of first generation immigrants from Italy, Castagna was the first person in her family to attend college. In fact, neither of her parents had even been able to complete high school and, due to other responsibilities, neither of them were able to be very present in her childhood.

"It was a fluke," she said, of learning about and eventually attending St. Joseph's College.

Most of the children she grew up with in Red Hook never made it out of the neighborhood, falling victim to the drugs and alcohol that were rife in the poverty-stricken neighborhood, but a high school friend's older sister attended St. Joseph's, which was Castagna's first introduction to the College. She eventually applied, but her grades were not stellar and her acceptance was uncertain. When she finally did learn that she was accepted, "It was the happiest day of my life, and still is to this day," she said.

"If somebody didn't have a chance, I could tell you I didn't have a chance. If somebody could say they weren't going to make it, I could say I wasn't going to make it. And I did, and it's because there were people at St. Joseph's who were supportive and I was open to that."

While at St. Joseph's, Castagna quickly realized that she was, in many ways, underprepared for college-level academics, but she received the academic support she needed, with particular help from S. Joan Ryan, C.S.J., who Castagna credits with teaching her the basics. Eventually, she got up to speed and majored in social sciences with a focus on history.

Castagna was also an active member of the Political Science Club and the Student Government Association, becoming the president of the undergraduate association in her senior year. "St. Joseph's gave me the opportunity to flourish," she said, reminiscing about the political science group's annual trips to Albany to participate in the state's mock senate competition. Castagna managed her academics and extracurricular interests while getting by on student loans, working as a cashier at a supermarket and in the A & S accounts receivable department to earn spending money.

Perhaps Castagna's early experiences in Red Hook were the beginning of her interest in helping others. Or perhaps it was through her participation in the civic groups of St. Joe's. Either way, she has committed her life to helping others. Immediately upon graduation, she started a job as a caseworker at Catholic Charities. Then she entered the convent, where she remained for several years, during which time she received a master's degree in social work from Adelphi University and began her work as a rehabilitative probation and parole officer, working both on the city and federal levels of government.

The bulk of Castagna's career was spent in law enforcement, but she has also been an active EMT since 1993, and she serves as the vice president of her local volunteer firefighting squad in Moscow, Pennsylvania.

Additionally, she is on the fire department's honor guard and she is a member of a peer-counseling program for an international crisis-intervention group. The organization offers counseling to firefighters, police officers and EMTs who are involved in critical incidents involving a fatality. After the tragedy of 9/11, Castagna helped with recovery work at Ground Zero and at the Staten Island landfill, experiences that she carries with her every day. Castagna's wide breadth of life experience gives her a unique and powerful perspective as volunteer with the Red Cross and

a teacher of two courses in the counseling department at the University of Scranton, in Pennsylvania — two endeavors to which she remains committed.

When asked if she sees her career as a political one, Castagna said, "It's political in the sense of being an activist and an active participant in life, with the bent obviously to interact with people, to help people, to listen to people — not just to be someone's parole officer and monitor people."

There are undoubtedly thousands of people whose lives have been improved by Castagna's work, yet she doesn't see herself any differently than she sees all of her fellow St. Joseph's College alumni.

"There are thousands of students who graduate from St. Joseph's and do great things every day and just aren't noticed," she graciously acknowledged. "I can clearly and without hesitation say that St. Joseph's gets all the credit. There's no question in my mind that my years at St. Joseph's live with me every single minute today." ■

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Gavin's Got Heart



Nicole Drossos Mogil '05 gains inspiration through adversity

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About one in every 100 children is born with a congenital heart defect (CHD), an abnormality in cardiovascular structures that occurs while the fetus is still developing. Many will produce symptoms at some point in the person's life, whether at birth or well into adulthood. Some can be devastating; others may remain completely benign.

Little Gavin Mogil is not only one of that unlucky 1 percent; his CHD makes him more like one in 10,000. Gavin was born on November 23, 2011, with double outlet right ventricle (DORV) with transposition of the great arteries (TGA). His mother, Long Island Campus alumna Nicole Drossos Mogil '05, has to pause for a second to arrange the words from that mouthful of a diagnosis into the proper order.

If you put him into a lineup with a bunch of other toddlers, you'd be hard pressed to identify Gavin as the "abnormal" one. He looks and acts the part of a healthy and active 2-year-old, but for months before he was born and for months after, this outcome was anything but certain.

"At 20 weeks they do the anatomy scan, and they were telling us they just couldn't get a good view of his heart," Nicole says. "We went back a second time and they still couldn't get a good view of the heart, so they sent us to get a fetal echo.

"I think they knew the whole time something was going on," she adds. "As a mom and a dad, you have that feeling as well, when doctors are speaking to you in those very surface kind of explanations: 'we just want to make sure he's positioned the right way ...' and you go home and you Google it and you research everything."

The echocardiogram confirmed their fears. The initial diagnosis, DORV, was correct, but Nicole and her husband, Greg, would have to wait until their baby was born to understand the full scope of his condition.

"In essence, his pulmonary artery and his aorta were switched," Nicole explains. "His blood wasn't getting oxygenated. He had a VSD [ventricular septal defect], which is a hole between his two ventricles, and his aorta was narrow — coarctation of the aorta." Gavin would have his first surgery at only 6 days old. "It was more invasive than they expected; they really had to manipulate around the heart," Nicole says. "It was about seven hours; he was on bypass for three and a half of it." The second surgery would follow two weeks later.

After six and a half grueling weeks in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) at Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of New York-Presbyterian, Gavin and his parents returned to their home in Islip. Today, though he is 100 percent dependent on a pacemaker to keep his heart rate at a proper level,

his long-term prognosis is excellent.

"We're definitely in a totally different place, much more positive," Nicole says. "I tell Greg I often forget about his heart defect. He's running around and climbing on things he shouldn't be climbing on, all of those great things.

"I think that's fantastic and that's a blessing, but I do think that sometimes that's why congenital heart defects don't always get attention, because you're not looking at a sick kid. He doesn't look sick, which is great, I wouldn't want to change that for anything, but I really feel strongly that there should be more awareness out there."

Grateful for Gavin's good health, the Mogils decided to spread awareness of congenital heart defects while also helping other families affected by CHDs to persevere through their own challenges. In December 2012, they established a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and called it, very appropriately, Gavin's Got Heart (www.gavinsgotheart.org).

"When we were in the hospital with Gavin, for those six and a half weeks in the NICU, you see everything, unfortunately," Nicole says. "You see a lot of parents not going home with their kids, and you see parents there who don't have the insurance to pay for treatment. You see parents who are traveling out of state and how they have to leave their jobs, still pay their mortgage, somehow pay for travel accommodations, and it's all these things that are on top of caring for their child.

"You don't realize how lucky you are. We thought we were in the absolute worst position ever, and then we see these families that have so many more layers to their situation, and it's really eye opening."

The first family Nicole and Greg sponsored belonged to one of Greg's former classmates, whose son happened to use the same surgeon as Gavin; the families became acquainted and visited one another in the hospital. The second family, from Bay Shore, they met through a nurse at Good Samaritan Hospital. The Mogils raised \$2,500 and \$3,500 for those families, respectively, followed by another \$3,500 for a family in the Bronx, \$500 for the Single Ventricle Clinic at Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital and \$7,500 for a family in Westchester.

After only a few months, the couple worked with Suffolk County Legislator Tom Cilmi to establish an annual Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week, February 7-14. They have also been working with other organizations, including Mended Little Hearts and the Children's Heart Foundation to host a variety of fundraisers, including house parties, fishing trips, hockey tournaments and a family day at

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going through our big surge, and I think different areas go through it at different times,” he said. “We’re easily 15 years behind the West Coast — Colorado, California, Oregon.

“New York has a rich brewing history that just didn’t recover after Prohibition,” McHale explains. “Nowhere did, but I guess it was just slower to get back into the craft movement.”

“One good thing,” he says of Long Island, “is the diversity of people, and we are seeing a diversity of styles. You see it in Long Ireland, which is Irish themed; and then you have Black Forest Brew Haus [in Farmingdale], which is German themed. You have the guys at Rocky Point — one of them is Austrian — so they do some kind of interesting European styles. Southampton does more of the Belgian styles: saisons and tripels.”

It’s also becoming easier, in many ways, to get a new brewery off the ground now that it was 10 to 15 years

ago, thanks to more industry-friendly attitudes in local government.

“I’m sure Blue Point had to work a lot harder to get licensed [in 1997], McHale says. “Now towns have kind of caught onto this, and the state is making it a little bit easier by giving more tax breaks ... because they realize it’s good for the industry.

“There’s definitely room for breweries to keep coming out. At the turn of the century, 1900, there were 46 or 47 breweries in Brooklyn alone. It seems like a lot to have 15 or 20 on Long Island, but it’s just because we were used to not having them here. It seems like a lot of growth. But as long as people are supporting their local breweries, and especially if the state is making it easier for breweries to open, then I think there is room for growth.”

That’s something we can all drink to. ■

All the Possibilities are Within

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and Health Sciences at St. Helen University in Saint Lucia, where he serves as head of preclinical & clinical studies and as a member of the school’s curriculum committee.

“This medical school is at the beginning and we are taking the opportunity to introduce the school to the graduates at St. Joseph’s so they can go there and become doctors,” Seodat says. With developing the medical school and owning a private practice in Riverhead as a family practitioner, Seodat hopes that he can return to his country in the future.

“I got the chance to fulfill my dream as a physician, and now my vision is to give back to the people of Guyana,” he says. “So, for the kids who want to be somebody, all the possibilities are within. If you have that fire, that burning desire, keep that passion inside, and you can make anything happen.” ■

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Riverhead’s Gingerbread University, as well as Macy’s eighth annual Shop for a Cause in August.

Nicole, a former child study major, worked as an elementary school teacher in Smithtown until Gavin was born. Now she has immersed herself fully into Gavin’s Got Heart. “It’s been a great experience so far. A lot of work, but it’s worth it,” she says. “I didn’t realize that a nonprofit turns into a business that you’re running. It’s a lot of logistics to iron out.”

Gavin’s Got Heart hosted a number of events last fall to raise money for families, as well as for the Morgan Stanley Children’s Hospital of New York-Presbyterian. For a complete listing of their upcoming events, and to learn more about congenital heart defects, visit www.GavinsGotHeart.org. ■



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Saint Catherine Medal awarded to Laurie Lanteri-Wolfe '03 at 2013 Honors Convocation

St. Joseph's College honored one alumna and two current students for their service to the College at this year's Honors Convocation, held on October 10 on the Long Island Campus.

Laurie Lanteri-Wolfe '03 received the Saint Catherine Medal, an annual award that honors an individual, chosen by faculty, who represents the high ideals of a Catholic college education. Now an active member of the St. Joseph's College Alumni Association, Lanteri-Wolfe served as an executive member of the Campus Activities Board while earning a B.S. in Business Administration at the Long Island Campus. She currently works as a wellness program manager at the Cove Health Systems, and is the independent founding designer of Mialisia Jewelry.

"Since 2001, the College has been awarding the Saint Catherine Medal to alumni who have demonstrated leadership and service," said Paige Napoli Carbone '02, SJC's director of alumni relations. "We are so excited

to present the award this year to Laurie Lanteri-Wolfe. Laurie was a leader during her days at SJC and continues to be a leader in her field today."

Also recognized at the Honors Convocation were seniors Carl Baurle III '14 and Nina Franza '14, who each received the Thomas J. Wendt '88 Alumni Scholarship. An alumnus and former employee of the College, Wendt was dedicated to volunteerism and charitable causes. After his passing in 2004, SJC established a memorial scholarship in his name to benefit students who play an active part in the College and the surrounding community.

Baurle, a mathematics and computer science major, is treasurer of the Student Government Association. Franza, a psychology major, is an executive member of the Campus Activities Board, and spent three weeks studying abroad last summer at the University of Oxford's St. Hilda's College, with students and faculty from SJC as part of an intellectual study program. ■



Nina Franza '14, Laurie Lanteri-Wolfe '03 and Carl Baurle III '14.

Class Notes

Brooklyn

1950s



Class of 1951 classmates **Nancy Welker Frenze**, **Carol McNierney Gant**, **Mary Noel Hartman**, **Suzanne Gannon Murphy** and **Regina McNierney Collins** gathered in September at Nancy's home in Philadelphia to reminisce, share old photos and tour some of the historical sites.

Marion Orlando Celenza '53 is the author of four cookbooks and a book of poetry, all of which are available on her website, and on Amazon.com. She was a guest on Telecare TV's *Real Food* in January.

Mary Jacqueline Taaffe Coleman '56 attended the June wedding of her granddaughter, Long Island Campus

graduate **Alexandra Cevasco '11**, to Anthony Vignone.

Lucille Waters Granfort '56 and her husband, Sal, had a great time visiting Myanmar.

Angela Alexander Maher '56 visited her daughter in Alaska. The visit was both enjoyable and enlightening.

Carolyn Black Sedacca '56 was overjoyed that she could make the trip to see her grandson graduate from Harvard.

1960s

Class of 1961 graduates **Elizabeth Hussey Jennings**, **Carole Rooney Morris**, **Rosemary Reilly Pfaffle**, **Mary McLaughlin Regan**, **Dorothy Renkowski** and **Marletta Stevenson** all gathered at the Alumni Fall Luncheon in October to celebrate the life and accomplishments of their classmate and honoree, **Joan B. Carey '61**. Joan had a distinguished career and had positive impact in her work as a lawyer, assistant district attorney and Supreme Court judge in New York City. They all think that Joan is a shining example of St. Joseph's College motto: *Esse non videri* — "To be, not to seem."

Elizabeth Hussey Jennings '61 became grandmother of twins, a boy and a girl.

New Jersey alumnae from the Class of 1961 — **Pasqua Balducci Iacono**, **Paula Kahwaty Mollica**, **Carole Rooney Morris** and **Lynn Sorensen Thornton** — were joined for lunch in Spring Lake by classmate **Ada Tracey Stankard**.

Carole Rooney Morris '61 and husband, Victor, attended a 50th anniversary celebration for **Gabrielle Tinley McDonough '61** and her husband, Ed.

In September, **S. Kathleen Carberry '63**, C.S.J., celebrated her golden jubilee as a Sister of St. Joseph. There was a beautiful Mass in Sacred Heart Chapel in Brentwood for all

jubilarians, followed by dinner with family and friends.

Patricia Connelly Condon '63 and her husband will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on April 4, starting with a Mass with family and friends. Then they will cruise to the Hawaiian Islands and relax in Kauai for a week in May.

Mary Alice Simonson '63 and her husband, Arthur, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June with a Mass at Sacred Heart Church, followed by a reception at Li Greci's Staaten in West Brighton, Staten Island. The couple reside in Prince's Bay.

Barbara Kempczinski '64 and Jean Kaelin were married on August 26 at City Hall in San Francisco, Calif.

Rita Reilly Siebenaler '64 lives in Falls Church, Va. She volunteers as a mental health therapist at two free clinics, and recently traveled for two and half weeks in Russia.

Ann-Marie Nardi Paley '66 and her husband, Charles Paley, moved to a retirement community in Rhode Island, close to their son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren. She loves being part of the little ones' day-to-day lives.

Congratulations to **Louise Belvedere Caldi '67, Ph.D.**, for receiving the Smithsonian Institution's 2013 Unsung Hero Award. It was presented by the head of the Institution, Secretary G. Wayne Clough, in a ceremony and brunch at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. Louise is an assistant in the curatorial and scholarly program departments at the Freer Gallery of Art and Sackler M. Gallery of the Smithsonian. She provides support to the heads of those two departments as well as to one of the curators, and leads the time of curatorial assistants. A plaque with her name was placed in the Smithsonian Castle at the National Mall.

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Kathleen Graves Mentlik '69 retired in September 2012 from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. She concluded a 23-year career as an ophthalmic clinical and surgical technician in support of the ophthalmic faculty practices. Now she spends time traveling around the country and abroad with her husband, Tony, and enjoying their two grandchildren. In addition, she volunteers at a local hospital as a patient ambassador for newly admitted patients, and also serves at her local fire department as a rehab truck volunteer. She is forever grateful to SJC for giving her the tools and the philosophy that has taken her on a wonderful life journey and led her to the place she is in today in Grapevine, Texas.

JoAnn DeBonis O'Brien '69; her husband, Will; and their two daughters, Jessica and Janine; went to San Diego on vacation. While there, they had dinner with **Lorraine Jacob Bloomfield '69** who JoAnn hadn't seen in 44 years. They reminisced about their days at St. Joseph's.

Roseann Quinn '69 has obtained several grants for the benefit of her students at Notre Dame Bishop Gibbons High School in Schenectady, N.Y. Working with the technology teacher, she obtained a high-powered learning grant in the amount of \$5,374 and with the history department, implemented a community conversation dealing with immigration, which earned \$200. Roseann is currently working with the GE Elfun Society to obtain refitted computers for her students.

1970s

Frances Caruso Ruggiero '70 was married on October 25 to Tom Pasquel. Fran has retired from the Yonkers Public Schools in July. She is happy to announce she welcomed a new granddaughter, Iliana Frances, in March 2013, bringing the total count to four grandchildren, all under the age of 5.

Elizabeth "Betty" Bartoloma '73 lives in Marine Park, Brooklyn, and retired in 2008. She enjoys book clubs, bowling and beading.

Maryanne Carrino '73 has been teaching for 24 years in South Brunswick, N.J., and enjoying her first grandchild, William Gerald.

Nora Alfieri Collis '73 recently moved to Longboat Key, Fla., and is now officially a "snowbird." Nora celebrated her 40th anniversary in June. She is a proud grandmother to, Averie, 4; Austin, 2; and Owen, 1.

Cathy Ulmer Condon '73 is teaching science in East New York, Brooklyn. She has two adult sons, Tom and Brian, who are living in Bay Ridge.

Josephine Di Vernieri '73 moved back to Staten Island and is now living in Oakwood Heights. She's retired from the Department of Education in January 2013, and is spending time learning the Italian language and walking her new baby shih tzu, Sammy.

Mary Beth Donovan '73 works as a part-time consultant. Her travels have taken her to the Far East and St. Petersburg, Russia.

Sigrid Brandt Frawley '73 has been an adjunct instructor at Montclair State University since 2007. Sigrid retired from teaching kindergarten in Tenafly, N.J., in 2011. She was surprised by one of her college students, who announced that Sigrid was their kindergarten teacher 18 years ago!

Marcella Maher Freisen '73 lives in Mountainside, N.J., and works as an evaluation coordinator at Children's Specialized Hospital in New Brunswick. She and her husband, Joe, rebuilt their house in Breezy Point in 2011 and were able to restore it after Hurricane Sandy.

Linda Mone Friedman '73 has been living on Long Island since 1993. She

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Dianne Piwinski '72 and **Catherine Steinmann '72** had the distinct pleasure of hosting a 25th anniversary of ordination for their pastor, the Rev. Russell Governale, of St. Adalbert's Parish in Elmhurst. The celebration also turned out to be a mini-St. Joseph's reunion as Father Russell's aunt **Margaret Locurto Governale '48**, cousin **Judith Jacobsen Corbellini '65**, sister **Elena Governale O'Sullivan '81**, and brother-in-law **Michael O'Sullivan '82** are all SJC alums. The SJC group was completed with **Judith Uhlir Sherry '65**. Pictured are Cathy Steinmann, Elena Governale O'Sullivan, the Rev. Russell Governale, Margaret Locurto Governale, Judy Jacobsen Corbellini, Dianne Piwinski and Judy Uhlir Sherry.

is still working and enjoying her five grandchildren.

Barbara Brennan Gilberto '73 is still living in New Jersey and loving her work with the deaf in New York City.

Celeste Rebecchi Kaden '73 has been teaching first and second grade for 32 years, in addition to enjoying her three granddaughters.

Kathleen Maguire McQuade '73 has been retired for three years, and volunteers at Winthrop University Hospital in Mineola, N.Y. Kathleen's been married for 30 years; her children are John and Kaitlin, both 25, and Caroline, 19. Kathy enjoys traveling, most recently to Portugal.

Mary Beth Stevenson Malloy '73 is retired from BOCES and living in Massapequa, N.Y. She is a grandmother.

Donna Pagano Morena '73 is enjoying her fifth year teaching science and social studies at Our Lady of Hope School in Middle Village, Queens. Donna visited her son in Tel Aviv last summer.

Bridget Gorman Murphy '73 has been with the Diocese of Brooklyn for 39 years. She is currently assistant principal of St. Rose of Lima School in Rockaway, Queens. She is living in Bay Ridge while her Breezy Point home is repaired.

Linda Romeo Nash '73 lives in Connecticut and works as a marketing consultant. Her daughter, Kelly, is a lawyer and was married in June. Linda's son, Joe, is a photographer in Los Angeles.

Christine Needham '73 is celebrating 40 years at St. Joseph's School for the Deaf in the Bronx. Her house in Breezy Point was severely damaged during Superstorm Sandy; she is living in Bellerose until it is rebuilt.

Laurie O'Dowd Piccinni '73 lives in Garden City and planned to retire in January.

Patricia Phelan Reznick '73 retired last June. Her husband, Joe, will retire in December after 40 years in the NYPD. Her boys, Joe, Tim and Tom, are all in the FDNY.

Linda Borelli Ridzi '73 is still living near Albany and working as a faith formation coordinator at her parish of St. Mary's. She has four grandchildren and celebrated her 40th anniversary in October. She hopes to see Rome one day.

Frances Maccarone Rosado '73 is loving retirement.

Teresa Ryan Sefchek '73 has retired and volunteers with **S. Elaine Roulet '66**; she traveled to St. Petersburg, Russia, last summer. Teresa has been married to her husband, Michael, for 38 years and has two sons: Michael and James.

Kathleen Barnack Todd '73 has been retired three years and is currently living the "snowbird" life between Cape Cod and Florida. Her three grandchildren are Elena, 13; Lake, 6; and Sophie Ann, 6 months.

Rose Colletti Toomey '73 is enjoying retirement. Her older son is a rescue medic for FDNY. Her younger son works in digital advertising and lives in Hoboken, N.J.

Catherine Forgione Zaic '73, retired from teaching seventh and eighth grades in remedial reading in June. Cathy has been living in New Jersey for the past 38 years.

Maureen Duffy Murphy '77 regrets to announce the passing of her aunt and godmother, **Dorothy Whalen Newbert '56**, on July 4 at the age of 79. Maureen would appreciate letters of condolence to be sent through Dorothy's online guest book at legacy.com.

1980s

Prekindergarten teacher **Susan Shaughnessy Ripple '85** has been named the 2014 School Teacher of the Year at Cambridge Park Preschool in Aberdeen, N.J., part of the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District.

1990s

Congratulations to **Melissa Reese Pepe '97** and husband Thomas Reese on the birth of their new baby, Christian

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Donna Parks '70, Lois Caracciolo '72, JoAnne Danaher Shea '66, Helen Lynch Canal '66 and JoAnn Patelnas Flegen '66.



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Joan Reardon Dillon '56, Eileen Hale Peters '56 and
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Members of the classes of 1966, 1968 and 1976.



Barbara Germack '59, Bettyanne McDonough '59
and Eileen Moloney Graziani '59.

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Abigail Konicke '07 and **Garrett Kaske '07** were married on September 7 in a ceremony in Great River. Now residents of Queens, Abby and Garrett met during the study abroad program in Alicante, Spain, and continued to work with the St. Joseph's Project in Nicaragua for three years. Abby recently earned a master's degree from the Lois V. and Samuel J. Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College. Garrett is a graduate of the City University of New York School of Law, and the nephew of Candido Gonzalez, a senior lecturer in the Long Island Campus' Department of Modern Languages. They are pictured with fellow SJC graduates **Michael Karbowiak '07**, **Ellen Clyne '07** and **Anthony Dohrenwend '07**, and Candido Gonzalez.

Michael, on October 13. Sister Sophia, 6; and brother Matthew, 3 are very proud.

Kelli Knott Leary '99 is a fifth-grade teacher at P.S. 222 in Brooklyn. She and her husband, Tim, celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary in June. They have two sons: Aidan, 7; and Jack, 5; and were looking forward to welcoming their third child in December.

2000s

Congratulations to **Denise Racioppo Banchitta '02** and her husband, Paul, on their birth of their son, Cristian Michael, on September 20.

John Zeman '06 is a senior property manager for Sinatra and Company Real Estate in Buffalo, N.Y.

Jennifer Ann Flynn '07 married Matthew Gebbia on July 14 at Holy Child Church in Eltingville, Staten Island. They live in Great Kills.

Jaime Leston, M.A. '08, is engaged to Michael John Magi. Jaime is a special

education teacher at P.S. 373R in New Brighton, Staten Island. The couple are planning a November 2014 wedding.

Congratulations to **Andrea Rosado '08**, who wed David Cepeda this August.

2010s

Ralph J. Carter '10 earned first place in the Perspectives on Justice Writing Competition in October, for his presentation titled "Too Much Information!: The Need for Stronger Privacy Protection for the Online Activities of Employees and Applicants." The writing competition was presented by the Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights and Economic Development and the Journal of Civil Rights and Economic Development at St. John's University School of Law, which Ralph is currently attending on a full academic scholarship.

Keisha Allsop-Harsey '10 was recently named director of residential programs for United Cerebral Palsy of New York City. She holds an M.P.A. from

Metropolitan College of New York, and a nonprofit leadership certificate from Fordham University; she is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Public Health online at Capella University. Keisha founded United Communities Autism Network in honor of her 5-year-old son, who was diagnosed with autism at the age of 2. Her goal is to complete her Ph.D. by 2016 and start another nonprofit geared toward women's empowerment in Ghana, where her husband and family reside.

Long Island

1980s

Maureen Ryan O'Connell '84 won her third term as Nassau County clerk in November. She was first elected to the post in 2005. Maureen previously served on the New York State Assembly for eight years from 1998 to 2006.

Tom Rico '88 is controller of the Suffolk County Municipal Benefits Fund, and recently became a science fiction author. His first novel, *Northern Lights*, was published in May 2013, and is available in hardcover, paperback and e-book formats.

1990s

Bill Lindsay III '94 was sworn in as a member of the Suffolk County Legislature on January 2. Representing the county's 8th Legislative District, he succeeds his father, Presiding Officer William J. Lindsay, who passed away in September.

Elizabeth Murphy Robinson '91 was promoted to assurance partner in the private company services practice at PricewaterhouseCoopers' Melville office in July.

Michael Patanella '97 works as a C.P.A. for Grant Thornton LLP in Manhattan. He was named one of Long Island's 40 Under 40 by *Long Island Business News*, and is a frequent speaker and author on various topics relevant to the financial services industry.

2000s

Christopher Murphy '03 has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant with the FDNY.

Cesar Caro Jr. '04 has joined Marjam Supply Company in Farmingdale as the residential sales manager for Long Island and the New York City metro area.

Joseph Lemke '04 earned an Ed.D. from Long Island University. Joe is the director of social studies (K-12) in the Bay Shore School District and an adjunct faculty member in the history department at SJC's Long Island Campus. He is also a board member at large for the College's Long Island Alumni Association.

Glenda Miranda '04, R.N., has been appointed director of nursing of the emergency department at Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center in West Islip. She has more than 20 years experience in emergency care and nursing leadership, having previously served as director of patient care services at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital in New York City. Glenda resides in Mastic Beach.

Bryan Gill '06, M.B.A. '10, and **Jennifer Carrick '06** were married on July 28, 2013. Bryan recently became the director of student activities and co-curricular programs at St. Joseph's

College. He has been working in the Department of Student Life for the past eight years. Jennifer is a teacher in the Middle Country School District in Centereach, N.Y.

Adam Sherlip '07 is currently concluding his fifth trip to the Himalayan region of Ladakh, India, through The Hockey Foundation, a nonprofit he founded that uses ice hockey to help empower and improve the quality of life for children in remote regions of the world. Adam served as head coach of the Indian national ice hockey team as they competed in the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) Challenge Cup of Asia, a developmental tournament for Asian hockey nations, which was hosted by Kyrgyzstan from February 24 to March 2.

Nicole Sorrenti '07 became engaged to Mike Baker. They are planning a June 2014 wedding, followed by a honeymoon in Hawaii.

Congratulations to **Brennin Kroog '09** and **Melissa Wright '09** on their marriage on May 17, 2013. The couple reside in New York City.

Joseph Ricciardi '09 passed his licensure exam and became a licensed mental health counselor. He currently practices at the Pederson-Krag Center on Long Island.

2010s

Alicia Prestia '11 visited campus last fall to talk to SJC students about her experiences as a law student. She is currently in her third year at Touro Law.

Jessica Levenson '11 has announced her engagement to fellow SJC alumnus **Michael Verni, E.M.B.A. '12**.

Paul Wasser '11 received the 2013 Assisted Living Administrator of the Year Award from the New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSCAL) on June 25 at the 2013 NYSCAL Awards program during the association's annual convention in Verona, N.Y. Paul has served as administrator of Somerset Gardens Senior Living in Plainview since 2010.

Amy Loeb '07, M.B.A. '12, recently became vice president for Allied Health and Pharmacy at Huntington Hospital, part of the North Shore-LIJ Health System. She was formerly the director of patient care services at Plainview Hospital.

Dana Wachter '12 of Nesconset was fourth runner-up in the 2014 Miss Long Island Pageant, held at the Patchogue Theatre of the Performing Arts in August.

Melissa Jaramillo '12 was accepted into the College of Medicine at American University of Antigua. ■

In Memoriam

Alumni

Annie Screen Forsman '43
Frances Miceli Schlaier '43
Eileen McDermott Ott '45
Marie Cammarota '47
Mary Sparrow Albert '47
Jane Stark Feldmeier '50
Maureen Reid Stock '51
Marie-Therese Dally '55
Suzanee Todd Strakhov '55
Dorothy Whalen Newbert '56

Judith A. Lauchaire Field '65
S. Maureen Montgomery '66, C.S.J.
Carol Maliska Tschernutter '71
Jayne Carino Burke '94
Peggy White Ostolaza '94
Barbara O'Brien '95
Kathleen Ledo '97
Ryan E. Colvin '06
Michael Vignato '07
Stacey Kessler '09

Friends and Family

Leo Egan, husband of
Eileen O'Keefe '54 and brother of
Patricia Egan Englehart '52
Barbara Gamper and
Christopher Gamper,
mother and brother of
Corinne and Denise Gamper '79
Tim Hudson, son of
Vivian Hudson '60
Robert P. Mastondrea, husband of
Virginia Humes Mastondrea '64



Alumni & Family Weekend

September 27-29, 2013 — Long Island Campus



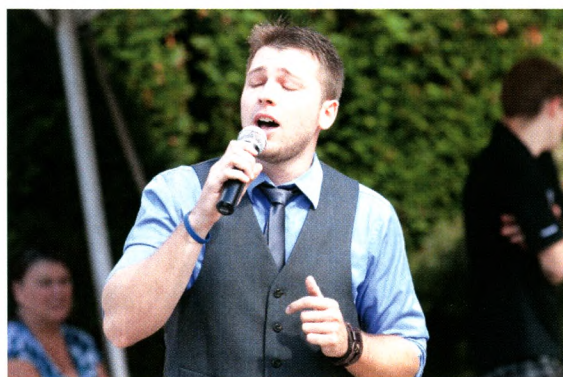
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A child decorates a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch.



Children create sand art at Alumni & Family Weekend.



JB Baretzky '10 performs at Alumni & Family Weekend.



Kaia Tator, daughter of Charles Tator '02 and Daria Liles Tator '03, braves the bouncy slide.



Chris Kearney '01 and Stephanie Kearney enjoy the Alumni & Family Weekend Barbecue with their daughter, Alora.



Manager of Alumni Giving Kelly Cortes and her daughter, Ariana, feed the goats.



Michael Albertelli, Michael Johnson, Mason Johnson, Nicholas Albertelli and Thomas Albertelli with SJC mascot Hot Wyngz.

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St. Joseph's College

ALUMNI & FAMILY

Weekend

September 26-28, 2014

Long Island Campus

Visit www.sjcny.edu/alumniweekend for more information.

ALUMNI FALL LUNCHEON

**Saturday
October 18, 2014**

3 West Club

3 West 51st Street
New York, NY 10019

EVENTS CALENDAR

Spring/Summer 2014

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MAY

- 1 "Pathways to Success" Job and Internship Fair**
Noon-2 p.m. at the Long Island Campus
- 1 Chapel Players Dramatic Society Alumni Night**
"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown"
6 p.m. alumni reception, 7 p.m. performance
Brooklyn Campus
- 2 Reunion Eve Rooftop Celebration**
6 p.m. at XVI Lounge, Manhattan
- 3 Spring Reunion Mass and Luncheon**
10:30 a.m. at The University Club, Manhattan
- 4 SJC Carnival and Family Barbecue**
Noon-3 p.m. at the Brooklyn Campus
- 23 Brooklyn Commencement**
11 a.m. at the New York Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge
- 27 Long Island Commencement**
3 p.m. at the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum, Uniondale

JUNE

- 9 24th Annual Golf Classic**
9 a.m.-6 p.m. at Plandome Country Club, Plandome
- 19 2nd Annual Alumni Achievement Awards in Health Care and Human Services**
6 p.m. at McGann Conference Center, Long Island Campus

JULY

- 18 Thomas J. Wendt '88 Memorial Golf Outing**
9 a.m. at Holbrook Country Club, Holbrook

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